

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CASC, US, SA  
SUBJ: AMCIT HARASSMENT IN EASTERN PROVINCE

REF: RIYADH 536

1. SAUDI AUTHORITIES IN THE EASTERN PROVINCE  
RECENTLY BEGAN A LONG AWAITED CRACKDOWN ON  
IMPROPERLY DOCUMENTED FOREIGN WORKERS. POLICE  
RAIDS AND CHECKPOINTS ARE FREQUENTLY SEEN IN THE  
NEARBY CITY OF AL-KHOBAR AND RELIABLE EYEWITNESSES  
REPORT TRUCKLOADS OF TCN LABORERS BEING PICKED UP  
AND TAKEN TO OVERFLOWING JAILS. ALTHOUGH SAG OFFICIALS  
TELL US PROPERLY DOCUMENTED WESTERNERS HAVE NOTHING  
TO FEAR FROM THESE CHECKS (REFTEL), OUR EXPERIENCE  
DURING THE PAST 48 HOURS IS NOT ENCOURAGING. FIRST  
ON JULY 17 A LOCAL ICA EMPLOYEE SPENT FOUR HOURS IN  
JAIL BEFORE BEING RELEASED. SECOND, ON JULY 18  
TWO AMCITS (MIKE KEITH OF TFAG AND KOMSTANTIS  
V. GRIVEINIS OF BECHTEL) SPENT SEVERAL HOURS IN  
THE OVERFLOWING KHOBAR JAIL ALTHOUGH BOTH POSSESSED  
PROPER DOCUMENTATION. AND THIRD, COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES  
REPORT SEVERAL INCIDENTS WHERE AMCITS HAVE BEEN  
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HARASSED BY LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS WHO ARE UNFAMILAR  
WITH THE MANY TYPES OF IDENTIFICATION USED IN THE  
PROVINCE.

2. ALTHOUGH CONGEN BELIEVES THIS TO BE A TEMPORARY  
SITUATION, WE PLAN TO PROTEST THESE INCIDENTS TO THE  
FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICE IN DAMMAM AND WILL HAVE

DISCUSSIONS WITH LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS IN AN  
EFFORT TO DEFUSE THIS ISSUE LOCALLY.  
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